

Wilsden Primary School

Newsletter No. 11
Friday 25th November



Assembly for Advent

On Tuesday, we welcomed Vicar Bob into school. He came to do a special assembly for the children and talk to them about the meaning of Advent, how it sits as a season in the church year and the countdown to Christmas.

Water Safety

Mark Taylor came into school on Tuesday afternoon to talk to our Year 4 children about Water Safety. He told them about the dangers of playing near canals, ponds and streams and what to do if they came across someone in trouble in the water.

Year 5 Travel Back In Time

On Wednesday, you would have been forgiven for thinking that you had stepped back in time as our Year 5 children, teachers and support staff all took part in a Victorian Day. Children spent the day in period costume and took part in Victorian activities. They took part in a maths lesson based on pounds, shillings and pence, did poem recitals, wrote on slate boards, learned "the Drill" and even their playtime was different; they played 'hop-scotch' and 'tig' games and played with hula hoops. The children really enjoyed the day but everyone agreed that they prefer the present time. Being a Victorian child was very strict and hard work!



Industrial Action – 30th November, 2011

You should have received a letter home this week about the 1 day school closure on Wednesday, 30th November, 2011. The decision to close any school or send pupils home is never taken lightly; however, we have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all pupils. The governing body and school are aware that school closures inconvenience parents and carers but after careful consideration of all the options, the decision has been taken that **the whole school will be closed to children** on that day. Please be assured that should any unforeseen change be made to the planned industrial action, you will be notified immediately.

DT Money

As our curriculum becomes more and more creative and as resources for design & technology are very expensive, we are asking all parents to contribute £1 per child per term (£3 per year). Over the year, this works out at just 14p per week! Examples of the items which the children have made are: lighthouses, hats, cars, musical instruments, biscuits and bread.

Please send this money in an envelope clearly marked with "DT money" and your child's name and class.

Stars of the Week!

Our Stars of the week this week are:-

RLC	Ruby Holdsworth	RSF	Darcy Sladen
1HB	Connor Woodhams	1RK	Isaac Middleton
2LT	James Drake	2JC	Madison Wright
3JW	Azaan Hussain	3AH	Chloe Connell
4FR	Jake Charles	4SC	Kateleigh Ormondroyd
5JG	Ellie Berthebaud	5HI	Child Absent
6JR	Georgia Hird	6VP	Haris Ahmed

Congratulations to classes 1RK and 6JR
who have gained the highest number of green stars this week. Well done!

"Good Choices" Lunchtime Raffle Winners
Freddie Robertshaw & Bradley Toll

405 children arrived on time this week!

Can we "Be on time at 5 to 9"?



Do you shop online???

If you do, please consider using www.schoolfunds.co.uk and choose to raise funds for Wilsden Primary School – every time you shop online. If you go to www.schoolfunds.co.uk first and then use their links to the retailer you want to purchase from, school will get reward points for your purchases. It does not cost you anything and you can help school every time you shop! 😊

Children Helping Children – Rotary Shoe Box Scheme – *Be quick, not many left!*

We are taking part in the Rotary Shoe Box Scheme where children are asked to provide items for underprivileged children and families in Eastern Europe. If you would like to take part in this very worthwhile cause, please fill in the attached slip and send it in to Mrs Westwood along with your £1.20.

She will then send a box home for you. All filled boxes need to be returned to school by Wednesday 30th November.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Pets in School

We have been plagued recently by dog and cat dirt in the school playground. This is being trodden on by the children and is being walked all over school and is causing a health hazard. Could we please remind parents that animals are not allowed on school premises.

Raffle Tickets: Grand Draw 2011

To order some more Grand Draw tickets, please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter. Ticket stubs, with a name and telephone number on the reverse, should be returned to the office as soon as possible with the money collected. All tickets to be returned by Friday 2nd December. Unsold books of tickets should be returned to school as soon as possible. The draw will take place at the Christmas Fair on Saturday, 3rd December. All proceeds from our Christmas Fair will go to the continuing development of the school reading scheme.

Reminder for Parents

Please be aware that there is no supervision provided for children who are dropped off before the school bell sounds. Supervision remains parents' responsibility until the school bell sounds and school adults appear on the playground.

Uniform Orders

Term Time Wear will be collecting the next batch of orders on Friday, 16th December.

Texting Service

81 of our families will no longer be receiving information by text!

Sadly, your number will be removed from the texting service.

How will you find out quickly if school is closed this winter?

You will miss out on many reminders and could miss other information too.

Contact Mrs Dominik before it's too late!

New Website

We are in the process of re-designing our school website. We are hoping to have our new website up-and-running in the next few weeks. It will have separate sections for parents and children and should be much easier to navigate around ☺

Dates for your diary

Saturday, 3 rd December	Christmas Fair 10am – 1.00pm
Monday, 5 th December	School Nurse drop-in session 3.15 – 4.00pm
Wednesday, 7 th December	FS & KS1 Christmas Performance 1.30 – 3.30pm (RLC, 1HB, 2LT)
Thursday, 8 th December	FS & KS1 Christmas Performance 1.30 – 3.30pm (RSF, 1RK, 2JC)
Friday, 9 th December	Secret Shop (Shhhhhh!)
Tuesday, 13 th December	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance 1.30 – 3.30pm
	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance 6.00 – 8.00pm
Wednesday, 14 th December	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Performance 1.30 – 3.30pm
	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Performance 6.00 – 8.00pm
Thursday, 15 th December	Whole School Christmas Party day
Friday, 16 th December	Last day – 3.30pm Break up for Christmas Holiday ☺

Pull-a-Jar

We urgently need your donations of filled jars for this very popular stall. Just 1 filled jar from every child in school would make all the difference!

WSA News

Donations of chocolate are needed for the Christmas Fair when we will be having a chocolate tombola. These should be sent in to the school office.



Community News

National Media Museum

From 23rd November – 4th December, the Level 5 Gallery is hosting a photographic celebration of British Muslims entitled "Making Britain Great". It is a part of QED - UK's 21st Anniversary celebrations.

Village Litter Pick

Wilsden Parish Council are arranging a litter picking day on the morning of Saturday the 26th November 2011 at which children and parents are welcome to come along.

We will be meeting at the Village Hall for 10am.

Festive Cracker!

You are invited to a Christmas workshop with festive food and carols. Come and enjoy turkey sandwiches, mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee with Christmas Carols. Come and learn about cake decorating and try it yourself. Make your own Christmas Cards or decorate Christmas biscuits or make your own Christmas decorations. Also cake stall, plant and bulb stall and Christmas hamper raffle. Free entry.

All at St Matthews on Saturday 26th November 11.00 to 2.00pm.

Please come to help or to enjoy the fun!

Victorian Christmas Market

Bradford Industrial Museum are having a Victorian Christmas Market on Saturday, 26th and Sunday, 27th November from 10am – 4pm. Over 80 stalls, Admission Free.

Pick'n'mix family worship with Nativity

This is at St Matthew's Church on Sunday 11th December at 9.30 finishing by 10.30. Children come along dressed up as a nativity scene character – donkey, King, angel, Shepherd, Mary, Joseph etc. We can also improvise some costumes on the day. All children will take part in the Nativity Play – and maybe some adults too! Come and join the fun! There will also be Christmas Carols, and various activities including turning a Pringles tub into a Christmas gift box that tells the Christmas story, and using Nativity pictures from last year's Christmas cards to make a new decoration for your Christmas tree. Also decorate Christmas tree biscuits! There will be chance for others to light a candle and say a prayer, as well as to spend some reflective time with God.

Everyone is welcome.

Wilsden Village Hall

On Sunday, 11th December from 6.00pm, we are hosting the Wilsden Village Carol Service, in partnership with the Advanced Church. It will be a Christmas event for all ages; come along and celebrate Christmas in the Community, with the Community. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to do a reading or singing a carol/song, ring Julie (Village Hall) on 07506 342127 or Derek (Advance Church) on 07854 156579.

The New Inn Wilsden

On Monday, 12th December 2011 we are having a [Market in the Pub](#) event.

Make a note in your diary and come and get some Christmas bargains.

Join us for a Christmas Carol sing-along on Wednesday, 14th December from 7pm.

Church of England Carol Service

The Traditional Carol Service for Harden and Wilsden will be at St Saviour's Church in Harden on Sunday 18th at 6.30pm and will be led by the joint choirs of St Saviour's and St Matthew's. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Holiday Club

Wilsden Village Hall Holiday Club will be running at Christmas this year – from Monday, 19th December until Thursday, 22nd December. We can now care for children from 3 years old.

For more information or to book a place, please ring Claire on 07717 250433.

Christingle Service

This is at St Matthew's Church at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve – Saturday 24th December. There will be Carols, and Christingles and the lights will be turned off whilst we sing Away in a Manger and Silent night with the church lit by candlelight. It's a special time not to be missed.

Mrs Dominik & Mrs Robinson have come up with two fantastic ideas for Christmas presents this year.....

HIPPOS and CD Clocks



The Hippos are actually lavender wheat bags.

They are 12" in size and are available in 4 fantastic colours.

They are priced at £6 each or they can be supplied professionally gift wrapped for £7 each.

Stocks are limited so if you would like to order one, just fill in the slip below.

Samples available to view in the office.

The CD clocks can be personalized with a picture of your choice and come boxed, complete with a stand and battery.

They are priced at just £3 each and make fantastic stocking fillers for all the family!

You can bring in your own picture which we can scan into the computer or if you have an electronic picture, you can email it to office@wilsden.bradford.sch.uk (subject to suitability).

Clocks will be made up to order and we will either send them home via your child or will contact you so that you can arrange collection.



If you would like to order, just complete and return the slip below. Samples available to view in the office.

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Personalised Photo CD Clocks Order Form

Name of person placing order

Child's name Class.....

I would like to order CD Clock(s) at £3 each - Total order

I will email my picture(s) to school I will send in a printed picture(s) Please indicate

I enclose my payment now Payment on collection Please indicate

Signed

Contact Number
(if not being sent home with child)

Hippos Order Form

Name of person placing order

Child's name Class.....

I would like to order as follows;

Sam – Purple Hippo	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandy – Beige Hippo	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tubbs – Grey Hippo	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tubina – Pink Hoppo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Please indicate quantity</i>

<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like the item(s) professionally gift wrapped for a <u>Male / Female</u> <i>Please indicate</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not want it gift wrapping.

Signed Contact Number
(if not being sent home with child)

Grand Draw Ticket Order Form

Child's Name Class

I wish to orderextra books of Grand Draw Tickets (5 tickets per book). I will return either the unsold books or the money by Friday 2nd December at the latest. Please return all ticket stubs by the same date, with a name and telephone number on each ticket for easy identification.

Children Helping Children – Rotary Shoebox Scheme

Please send me a Rotary Shoebox for my family to fill. I enclose £1.20 to cover the transport costs and box.

Signed

Parent /Carer of Class.....